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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Notice regarding compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 mailed 20 November 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 20 December 2001. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 20 January 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The following amendment is believed responsive.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Specification and Claims.